

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 10-12, and canceled Claim 8. Claims 1-7, and 9-12 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

In the recent Office Action dated October 20, 2004 the Examiner rejected Claims 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended Claims 10-12 by changing the terminology "the model contact lens" to read --a model contact lens--. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 10-12, as amended, meet the specific requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In the recent Office Action Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ostrander '826. Claims 2 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ostrander '826 in view of one or more of Chang '918, Lam et al. '279, and Dean '595. The Examiner indicated that Claims 8, and 10-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims.

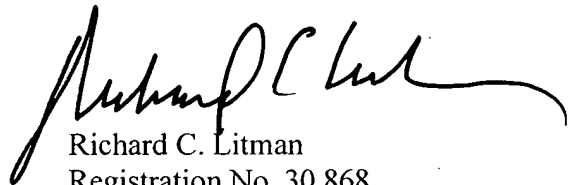
The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 8. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least this reason, amended independent Claim 1 and its corresponding dependent claims are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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